

CORE ACTION needed

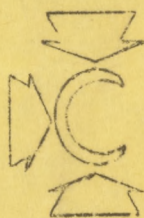
....FOR BRACERO CIVIL RIGHTS

The licensed and legalized slave-trade of Mexican nationals is being challenged by the same tide of "rising expectations" that is sweeping Latin America. Here in San Joaquin County there was a series of spontaneous protests, with braceros complaining that labor contractors "treat us like animals in these camps". All attempts by braceros to gain recognition of their representatives have been thwarted. The recent arrest of Jefferson Poland, CORE member, for trespassing onto a bracero camp to distribute leaflets to the nationals, may set a precedent in a high court that will allow the braceros to exercise their civil rights. ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) is defending Poland in the court action. But legal action is not enough. CORE methods of non-violent direct action are needed in the struggle for bracero civil rights. For example, CORE members could stage sit-in demonstrations in offices of local bracero-owners' associations in support of the braceros' rights to elect representatives and to receive information and visitors in the camps -- where they are kept. The voice of unified Negroes, is the key to the economic and social development of this minority.

....FOR LOCAL SCHOOL INTEGRATION

Stagg High School and certain junior high schools in north Stockton are virtually all-white, with a scattering of Orientals. Negro students are concentrated in south-side schools, apparently because of housing segregation. NAACP and the Social Action Commission of Anderson Y Center have expressed concern about this problem, but little has been done. Several types of direct action are possible. White Stagg High students and Negro students from other high schools could apply for transfers, in order to trade places and thus achieve at least token integration. If the school board refused to grant transfers, the students might simply sit-in at the schools of their choice when the '62-'63 school year starts.

HELP BUILD



CORE NOW!

National CORE will send Field Secretary Genevieve Hughes to Stockton soon to help organize a CORE local. We hope that the local will consist of autonomous action committees on bracero civil rights, school integration, fair housing, and fair employment practices. Interested persons should phone or write Jefferson Poland or Walt Sheasby, c/o Harvest House, 521½ East Sonora, Stockton (HO 52571) and/or come to a preliminary meeting 7:30 Thursday night on November 30, 1961, at the home of Jeannie Welch, 2715 De Ovan Avenue, Stockton 4 (HO 34101).